

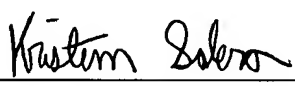
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Applicants: Reeve, L.E. et al.	Atty. Docket No.: <u>PMX-003.02</u>
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Title: <i>Purified Polyoxyalkylene Block Copolymers</i>	

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Response to Restriction Requirement

Dear Examiner Therkorn:

In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application, mailed January 5, 2006, the Applicants respectfully elect **Group II**, claims 12-19, drawn to a material wherein the viscosity of an aqueous solution increases by at least a factor of two over a temperature range of about 2 C, classified in class 264, subclass 345.

However, the Applicants respectfully assert that simultaneous examination of **Group II** and **Group III** (claim 20 to the extent it relates to kits comprising a copolymer of claim 12) would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. *See* MPEP § 803 ("If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the [E]xaminer must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent

or distinct inventions.”). Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner modify the instant Restriction Requirement, examining in the instant application claims 12-19 and claim 20 (to the extent it relates to kits comprising a copolymer of claim 12).


Fees

The Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Response. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with the filing of this Response to our Deposit Account, No. 06-1448, reference PMX-003.02.

Conclusion

The Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants’ Attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

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